MLK Assassination Trial: William Schaap Testimony on Govt. Disinformation (1999)

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IMPROVED AUDIO: From the Martin Luther King Jr. Assassination Civil Trial, in which a Memphis jury concluded that King had been assassinated by a government conspiracy. This 1.25 hour clip is the testimony of attorney, author, and publisher William Schapp (publisher of Covert Action Quarterly). Schaap discusses US government - and especially FBI - disinformation efforts throughout the nation's history including efforts directed at Dr. King. Mr. Schaap is being questioned by King Family attorney William F. Pepper.

Issues discussed: Church Committee findings, FBI relationship with the US media, COINTELPRO, COMINFIL

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I'm attorney I graduated from the University of 1964 in fact some lawyers since then and I'm a member of the bar of state of New York and of the District of Columbia I specialized in the 1970s in the military law practice military law in Asia Europe and they became the editor chief of the military war reporter in Washington for a number of years and in the 70s and 80s I was a staff counsel of the center of the Constitutional Rights in New York City I also was a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice this is a university with your your eye courses on propaganda and yes I have since 1977 or 78 in addition to being the practicing lawyer I've also in journalist and a publisher and writer specializing in intelligence related matters and particularly their relationship to the media for more than 20 years I've been the co publisher of a magazine called the covert action quarterly which particularly deals with reporting on intelligence agencies primarily US agencies but also armed I published magazine for the refused call lives of our times which specifically was a magazine about propaganda and disinformation and I've been the managing director of the Institute for media and houses for a number of years I also for about 20 years now I think I was one

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was one the principal's in the publishing company called Sherman Square press that published books and pamphlets relating to intelligence and media dozens of articles on particularly online media and intelligence seven or eight books on the subject contributed sections to a number of other books and had many of our artists of course have been appeared in my own our own publications but also had artists teetering around including New York Times Washington Post and major media those appear a lot on the radio and television as an expert on on intelligence and commedia slowing down a bit now as I'm getting older I used to do a lot of speaking in universities and colleges around the country and debating government officials and people connecting the organizations that supported the CIA media for distant Romanian and Canada yes I have I've testified as an expert in that field in both state and federal courts in this country I've testified in our courts I testified before the United Nations on that subject most before you has come yes that's that's my CD diaper dirty

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yes that's that's my CD diaper dirty probably shops TV and an expert witness the issues yes I have a summary of the subject the extent to which this type of activity by government still think putters yes I can teach in history but it should be noted that that governments around the world have secretly use the media purposes for many hundreds of years probably thousands but certainly the 16th of the 17th century use fight governments a series of the media for our purposes though the particularly relating to the u.s. the most significant of the first major deliberate program in this country was during World War when President Wilson said an organization called the committee for Public Information under a public relations executive Manning George creel the purpose of this

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George creel the purpose of this committee was to propagandize the war effort against the Germany this was created immediately after the u.s. entered World War one 1917 and in propagandizing the war effort more news it was the policy of this committee to have no compunctions about falsifying the news whenever is felt that that was necessary to do to help the war effort here is an example the type of falsification of the news that you're talking about yes republic information very long too release documents supposedly genuine documents to the press in order to substantiate whatever particular position the most the government might be taken at the time one of the most famous that happened early that's its creation in 1917 was a disinformation campaign to suggest that the Russian revolutionaries Lenin in particular and Trotsky were actually German agents being paid by the Kaiser the government cripples committee made up the story they made up created funny documents that pass the mobile to friends in the major newspapers and almost immediately this was front-page news around the United States and the world yes this is the rest of the sections from an article where that headline appeared but that was it on the front page of the New York Times of 1917 and later it transpired that the documents were forgeries that have been created by mr. creel and of course this is obvious by the

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and of course this is obvious by the current course of history the Russian revolutionaries were hardly friends mr. pizer it's much less employees and you continue with there's nothing yes after one the u.s. continued to be the or actually became the world's leader in control of information Britain had been more preeminent over that at the end of the world us was really both in control of overall communication media and disinformation was used by the government during the interwar years is particularly used in the red scares of the 1920s and the creation of this information suggests in various government work communist but it wasn't a major aspect of government policy until the advent of World War two and that was planning deliberate disinformation or a structure for or humidity deliberate disinformation became very very important history to bring about a certain well at the very beginning of World War two that were really two schools of thought competing both of which had government agencies one that was set up was called the office of War Information which was a civilian organizational or closely with the with the War Department as it was then called and it was headed by a man named Elmer Davis who's very famous reporter journalist his cause being was that the agency should tell the American people exactly what was happening to tell them the truth if he lost the battle somewhere in the Pacific we should tell the people we lost out of that little one about what we tell me

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that little one about what we tell me why but he believed that in the long run we would do best by reporting the truth but at the same time another key organization of developers who was the Office of Strategic Services the OSS which was headed by military men in the Donovan who was known as Wild Bill Donovan who believed the same that George creel had had his philosophy from World War one which was that you should lie to the people whenever it's necessary you think lying will help maintain morale and win the war this struggle was was taking place of course in the context World War two and Donovan won both President Roosevelt and afterward with President Truman his philosophy that that disinformation was a powerful a

valuable teppan for a country to have and that the disadvantages of lying to the American people were outweighed by the advantages of being able to manipulate the media so when the war was over also more information was dissolved the OSS was transformed into the CIA and the CIA was now was this thing increased I'm mindin World War two is over and now the CIA set up with this information as a major part of its work and in fact it's mostly supports later pointed out the largest single part of the CIA's operations the within the government at least the acceptability of linemen to the public became very widespread and acceptable even in time the piece there had been people who felt well it's one thing when you're at war but even in time and peace that he came acceptable and it spread from other agencies including the FBI

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from other agencies including the FBI which also began to engage in media manipulation in a very very large way so in addition to being a wartime strategy perspective the security of the nation that also in times of war this tightly spotted the use in peacetime exactly that was the major difference certain things were much more acceptable or expected over the course of history in time of war and were generally supposed to stop when the wall is over out there were people who argued in the late forties that the Cold War was was a war it was like hot war that was the war that was on and that was why we had to do this but what really happened is there were not battles being waged between soldiers because it's not a hopper going on anywhere and yet the the infrastructure that is set up to spread this information to be able to lie became institutionalized and became operating at the grade level this child how is it that some individuals like yourself have become more aware of these kinds of practices in Nam well it's mostly because by coincidence there were a number of factors that came together mostly in the 1970s leading to major congressional investigations of these activities we some newspapers to fund serious investigative reports and in Midland late seventies there were series or series of congressional reports on intelligence activities section of which was devoted to new

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section of which was devoted to new media activities and then there were major expose days in New York Times and The Washington Post it was sort of a warning mentality I guess that allowed this to happen there was a window of a few years when exposing government misconduct particularly past government misconduct as far as the government and certainly over the better but at least there was a window of opportunity that this was acceptable even within the mainstream establishment press was not frowned upon as much as it might have been at other times before and since before we the witness some specific instances work why is it so much what is it so successful well firstly the target of propaganda of this information the most do so speed is what we're talking about is the American public in general and sometimes the publicans go overseas this information is almost always by definition about things that the average person has no separate personal knowledge of otherwise it could really work I mean you can't fool the people you're talking about you can fool with other people who don't know that you're not trying to fool the people we're talking about the simplest example is yet not war when there was a massive bombing campaign in the US was bombing Cambodia President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger repeatedly made other statements that we are not dropping bombs in Cambodia will the Cambodians who looked out and saw the bombs fall in their backyard the American people by Amar's accepted these papers as proof and in fact that was a disinformation campaign later admit you're really we're

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campaign later admit you're really we're talking about things that the public has no separate knowledge of and it's also reinforced by the fact that the Americans generally tend to believe what their government tells them to believe that government officials and all levels generally tell the truth and that if you have that that absence of skepticism is a major plus whether this information is and it's very very unusual around the world other than the United States and most other countries particularly in Europe it's much more the opposite people tend on average very skeptical of their companies use this treatment average Italian on the street will say it's probably a lot until you can prove to me otherwise it's not like because the others lie that's what they

you know they sort of SPECT them that we're some Russians gone expect that yeah American can hear something use on television and assumes that what they're hearing is the truth unless they're Shawn compromised they assume that almost nothing is ever conspiracy in here it's very much a novice anything happens they tend to think it's a conspiracy unless you show that there wasn't I mean after all conspiracy just means you know more than one person being involved in sobbing I don't stop to think about it almost everything insignificant it happens anywhere involves more than one person get here there is not a myth really but there's just an underlying assumption for most things are not conspiracies when you have that it enables a government which has a propaganda program as a disinformation program to be relatively successful in in having it's

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successful in in having it's misinformation acceptance the other reason why it might works even though as we as we know they're there somewhere there are people who know it's not true somewhere they know you're lying about something but another reason it works is that this information is very very effective over time the longer that you where you are control the spin on the story the more that spin becomes accepted as the absolute truth and this company the government has a great deal of how our intervals over that spin why well this is an area where I had to consult with other experts because it turns out really to be a neurological function explained to me by a Besser at Harvard Medical School and it has to do with way the human brain remembers things the way we learn things when we create patterns and associations that reinforced well it's sort of like channels in the brain that when certain things trigger certain collateral thoughts and when you associate one thing with another over time just the mention of the one brings the association of the other what this sometimes mean is that even when something is greater suppose is alive if it was accepted as the truth for a long time I'm sure of it as a lie is not believed it's a 20 or not the best example you know and money in my field is one that John stopped well he was a CIA officer and goal they were basically isolation was basically common and when the cuban troops were sent in to help what was quite the south africans during mid 70s

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quite the south africans during mid 70s the CIA's task was to try to discredit the cubans that you would ever good to make people around the world and he was a terrible thing that the Cubans were helping let's do something terrible thing that you can do and another guy's see why don't you say they were raping a problem and having a great thing that's right the other guy says torture and they called in their media certainly start sitting there at their desk of the CIA office you start typing out these people spoke about how human soldiers raped a bunch of animals women in some operation and then they great story number two which is that the villagers got in the sense and decided they didn't want to keep them safe want him to find the souls to get interested in his story number three that just captured the Cubans they were trying and by a jury of the women victims and they were executed with their own weapons and they made a series about 12 newspaper stories in a row and with one phone call in one visit it went out of the wire services it went to Europe went in the United States and around the world and for about a six-month period there are all these stories about horrible human rapes in Angola the average person years and go human ethic great other women they hear great from women they'll think Angola Cubans here in Goa so that becomes later because those

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intelligence because all this activity is useless unless there's a yes we can be we have a lot of information about the CI a certain amount about military intelligence and the reason for this is because there were those congressional investigations that I mentioned before there have been reports published particularly from the Church Committee in the late seventies where they published volume antibodies describing these and media operations by the CIA and other agencies they the exact amounts of money that were meeting staff work were not divulged by those initial reports because that was considered to be classified the intelligence

budgets are always classified except at the same time everything you read something newspaper where they say classified budget which is approximately 25 million dollars so on our sponsor so what we've learned from these reports is that the first thing was that about how much would that

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thing was that about how much would that be we're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars a year just that I mean the intelligence budget now everything together is according to these all these reports that say a secret but is about 25 to 30 billion dollars a year now a lot of that is high-tech stuff has nothing to do with what I'm talking about satellites and so on but the stuff that goes to the CIA is several billion and when you factor out overhead and things like that you're kind of operational about most of the estimates suggest that that hundreds of billions hundreds of millions of dollars most of a billion dollars are being spent every year by the United States massive group again now yeah we have fairly good view this one CIA because it at least has been admitted in the past they did do this stuff they admit they do it now something they said within the United States are they they admit that that's part of what they do yeah yeah I is much harder to get these because they don't generally to conducting media and less until something gets exposed and they have to admit that particular operation they deny to an extent where it's really hard to try and estimate how much money is being used by the military intelligence agency but it's sort of clear that that hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent by various aspects of the government on deliberately creating and spreading lies when we get into this specific part of the campaign hey give us some idea of

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the campaign hey give us some idea of the influence the CIA and the FBI had over the media yes again this is something that very specific figures came out in the seventies and eighties and we don't know the precise figures today we have no reason to think that that they are significantly less than what came out but when the church he made reported on CIA media operations for example beyond friends in the press beyond having people who were just generally similar lines it turned out that they had thousands of journalists didn't ever employ not not really friendly not merely agents not maybe someone who could pass a story to the people who might appear to the outside world to be a reporter for CBS was in fact the CIA employee gave salary in CIA and that was repeated thousands of times all around the world they also owned outright the CIA about at that time about 250 or more media organizations that's wire services newspapers magazines radio TV stations all around the world I think only the actual shareholder of the Company turned out to be some CIA frauds did not need very many of these organizations because those that got many wasn't had to close down immediately but if it was learned that even things like the wrong daily American major in most people realize the intelligence media organization is fairly incredible TV

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organization is fairly incredible TV giving sort brag about when you read the posts about the CIA one of the heroes was the first man in charge of media operations a man named Frank Wisner and they referred to his organization as the Mighty Wurlitzer and this was image of this guy sitting at one of the giant Hornets you know were 17 B or C of playing this was sort of like the Phantom of the Opera back in that scene and there was the guy running the CIA media operations all around the world and he really lost because in every single city of any size on earth he has some employee who's supposedly clerk for those people or magazine or a radio station or viruses and they could get stories anywhere actually the knowledge was posted by former CIA also native named James Botox who was not in the propaganda vision he was in finance but he was so amazing oral aural about this he was in the station from Japan one time there was a big debate raging there but a nuclear-powered ships should be allowed to dock in Japanese ports was a very always been a touchy issue that be since Hiroshima has been very touchy issue of Japan even peaceful uses of nuclear power and the u.s. line was to promote some of us had homework done so they wanted to Japanese papers to inter target eyes in favor of this debate was going on Jim said he saw this guy that everybody just sit down and

type this is a CIA officer employed in the u.s. gotta type in editorial and then wave goodbye everybody left the office the next morning that appeared that's the editorial the leader of the largest newspaper in Japan they didn't go to a

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newspaper in Japan they didn't go to a friendly publisher said she was sort of like maybe do something a little bit favor of the decision they wrote it further they handed it to the guide the next day in Japanese it appears in the paper another thing showing the influence here in this country was during the Vietnam War I know some people my age will remember there was a Life magazine that had a cover picture of a North Vietnamese stamp that showed the Vietnamese shooting down American plans and showed us planes with mr. Marquis in burst of flames and crashing and US pilots be killed Nosa pretty bizarre and gruesome set of postage stamps and it was a whole story in there basically trying to give the line that yet nummies glorifying the killing of Americans and they thought was so great to to kill Americans that they were putting it on their postage stamps the only thing that was as if these were not North Vietnamese stamps there was CIA forgeries had never been real stamps and the CIA was able to have them appear on the cover of Life magazine as if they were the real thing that level of influence is something that many people don't realize that you might have when you read the Congressional reports page an opinion at the base it's absolutely stunningly now given the urgency and given that they had hundreds of those bottles up there that man they could get anything Peter almost any way less documentation again because the official musicians do this not to talk about it but did come

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this not to talk about it but did come out in the congressional reports primarily is that a major FBI division is called the cry morning division was theoretically supposed to keep track of how federal crimes were being reported why that was their business I don't know but that's what the superiors was but in fact there's a whole division set up to keep track of journalists and reporters and magazines and newspapers to decide to be counted on to write stories that the FBI wanted rittany who would slant stories the way they wanted the the question of whether these particular reporters were actually FBI employees like like so many will CIA employees is unclear that's never been admitted by the government the FBI actually keeps all employees and haven't hit a job as a correspondent newspaper that's where has to be noted CIA to that many places there's no reason to think they couldn't have done it other than in fact that it hasn't yet been in expose but in any event there were significant pressures available to the FBI to use their friends and the church committee report gives those many many examples are copies of memos Hoover on down where the attachments that get this information to our friends at the Coakley News Service get this information to indicate their doors turn now to the use of the media and in this type of campaign activity against Martin Luther King jr. but before you do that we can tell the part

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before you do that we can tell the part of the jury one of the sources of the amount of additional deception preparation contemplation of appearing here really two main sources in addition to reports about the general operations or misconduct they have his specific studies mentioned in this case but that meant specifics those related to Martin Luther King's new America both with respect to the attacks long him while he was along and also the specific reports with respect his murder there was an entire bomb being published from under the Senate investigations yeah I needed campaign against dr. King and there was a House committee that published the volume investigated assassination and these of course are the sources because they have a great deal of government documentation in which no private journalists could get their hands on things in there that even the best research would be able to obtain but that impression committee set subpoena panels and were able to amass thousands of documents most of which were photocopied and attached to

their reports well I was reviewed many books that have been written on the subject hundreds of articles briefcases clippings that were major stories written about dr. King particularly in the last few years life and then the most of the coverage in the first few years of the James Earl Ray

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first few years of the James Earl Ray case before and after his Tessa convert is named imagine and throughout the 60s and early 70s that was quite a bit of coverage those clippings that I've been able to find that review some of the sporadic coverage in the nineties have also been able to assemble and review elope the level of that conferences shows that throughout its history I has made relations with the media key area not so much infiltrating employees as the CIA did but cultivating very very deep connections throughout the American means that they had the entire division of that time avoiding division was dealing solely with developing friendly journalists developing the ways in which you could get where she wanted to appear in the papers to be there but she didn't want not to be there on a level that was nobody realized until these these reports came out the the primary motivation was keeping track of virtually every chat most of America that wrote anything to that to do with the FBI and whether everything is classified as friendly or unfriendly of course somewhat complicated is generally met DJ or Hoover like what they wrote are not playing what they wrote happy note and you know nobody else you know mattered was alive but he

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else you know mattered was alive but he kept charts every significant journalist has to work to come out you see that and its immediate subordinates get this information to punt returners yet this to our friend that US News and over get this to some friend of her close in Memphis and you see whether that's what stuff interesting we go this is permanently never mattered whether the information was true or false that was not what it was about you find FBI planting information that's true you find the Atlantic Division that's false the critical thing was that they had the friend that media place that Brent was gonna run what they wanted without the mister could you tell us what the Church Committee said about reports and explain to be called tell Provost was counterintelligence program and that was the major FBI program to counter what it conceived to be threats to American democracy and it was apparently considered threats he had visions trying to operate against communists and socialists against they referred to us as black nationalist refers eight groups there's seven sections just on Asian Islam they have seven section the civil rights movement they had a hybrid program I'm coming Phil which was

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hybrid program I'm coming Phil which was to deal with the possibility communists were infiltrating not anonymous there one section trying to disrupt groups they felt the communist influence or dangerous and another one trying to infiltrate groups basically a counterintelligence program was really a misnomer because counterintelligence normally once you're trying to hide things out counterintelligence officers in wartime in espionage are just supposed to be finding out information that these were active committees not passive at what counterintelligence programs world were over attempts sometimes very very complicated operations disrupt organizations which they felt for the threat regardless of whether these organizations were committing any crimes the irony of this is that the FBI theoretically was supposed to limit itself to investigating crimes and federal crimes at that it basically took the position that no thinking bad boss was a primer didn't like the current government of that day that was a crime and it was the site of the group should be disrupted and Montel probably sit down to figure out how to disrupt a party well he was just about the top of the list of terms who prefer for reasons that are still unclear many books have been written about you Erica uber and I don't think anything quite understands what bathing tip he needed he made no bones about it he said he sent letters using who's

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he said he sent letters using who's referring to him as the garbage referring to have a slide he when Martin Luther King was was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize about this long diatribe about how that supposed to make this thing you never his life back started trying this one and without these prices to program but he and the SCLC as the best organization find themselves at least [__] yeah yeah I from early on he certainly must be investing early sixties that it really intensified but it was much more public dr. Kington almost any other individual he would be public about communists or terrorists or whatever but Martin Luther King's specifically used is the most horrendous languages going once went on only time he ever gave a press interview called a twelvemonth beginning of the most notorious liar in history in the United States he was saying that because King had had the temerity to say that FBI agents in South Warren be terribly helpful to two blacks who having problems with racism he did an example of those media operations sure the significant ones world war two to suggest that some person Leadership Conference was was a communist infiltrated communist dominated they the I had prepared dossiers on King everybody was working with them and that two people who were

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with them and that two people who were close to dr. King had some time in the past at some affiliations with communists you should understand because this key now they they had no evidence whatsoever that these two people was at that time economists or that either these two people was trying to impose some kind of line on dr. Keith but they decided to say that anyway and they prepared dossiers on these two long as that one was a weight lawyers and 11 suit those of black owners of pain injector Dell and what they is they the same weight get us a friend of this paper gets a friendly are they snore complaints and stories and I think the second page we they were attempting to discredit dr. King and the normalization is not they were not trying to just get rid of Dell because that would matter of the conversation but they spread this miss continued equipment from Atlanta Constitution but it says if that makes reference to prior of the most of the sailors both Democratic performance time speaking of the story which was essentially based on the FBI spreading just this is information well actually

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just this is information well actually this is a because demonstrate some of the techniques they use the most significant ones being is being fuzzy whenever you can it has in there if it taught it to diverse to a veil that says has been identified as a member of the National Committee of the conscious party and that this this is the sort of the passive attempts or saying what what what you know when you say someone has been either you don't say who identified whether this type of interpretation I mean you know one person anywhere could say something about anybody then you say he has been identified as that's very what particularly because that's in the present tense it says has been identified as a member of the counts party we know now that at the time when the FBI gave this information sheets burned they knew that was untruth because they do whatever might have been ten years before they knew at that time that he was not and yet instances where we were actually testified before Congress and allowed the testimony of Republic he the line was that the black movement that civil rights movement was being exploited by communists and this particular thing is example against time

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many of these are based on the materials prospectus almost that were prepared to give it to their dear friends in these these portals and in this case it's even more significant because this was part of a campaign of so organized that Hoover to escalation was 6864 I mentioned before the new birth press conference authorities liar country was shocking the accessible public meeting with new

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the accessible public meeting with new journalists and appears all over the country all conference was reprinted in US News World Report with a tape in fact the tables originally use and this is one of things that the house to be found the most outrageous in an attempt to try and run it dr. King to commit suicide shortly

before he went together two Nobel Prize the take was mailed to him that are basically saying if you don't kill yourself we're going to make this public nothing ever happening because he was getting sloshed man let this thing will somebody offers me a tape oh by the speeches and they put them to the back room when they did get a look at it until about nine months later long happy back and then they slowly get the dope trying to get it suicide a feminine ten years later focused on a lot yes I think that was very very specific things one speech that King David in April of 1967 at Riverside Church in New York City he came out against the war in Vietnam and remember back to that period of time this was a fundamental is being ripping

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this was a fundamental is being ripping every aspect of this country the pros and cons of the augmenting in Vietnam and when dr. King cannot against the u.s. involvement here this was immediately accepted by Jay Hoover as truth that he was a communist fruit a terrible person but unifying the forces on the intelligence force of the United States so it's not just an FBI matter and he who spread the military intelligence yeah absolutely once dr. King made that statement this the CIA in particular considered him and his movement fair game even to the extent that their operations were limited to Harner policy the again because of the aggression investigations I know that the CIA which people thought did not operate domestically within the US had a huge genetic program called Operation chaos which was designed to counter opposition the Vietnam War and even though they later admitted it was illegal at issue books of the Congressional reports about all the operation chaos activity in the United States and what they call black nationalists was a specific target of that that campaign this continuum to 1968 his activity through the scientific work right here in Memphis and then fine poor people trading at market absolutely this campaign against kids activities up to the very last day of his life in particular on the is involvement with the strike in Memphis the FBI decided at

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the strike in Memphis the FBI decided at that point to try to spread stories that he was encouraging violence one of the the key articles was in the Christian Science Monitor the end of March of 68 and again gives all of the themes that the FBI want want planted particularly about violence if the arleigh uses bizarre language birth for something about a small strike in a medium-sized town that was something but was not not having first shaking event this was the sanitation workers strike and this is the first people has potentially cataclysmic racial confrontation that's not quite World War 3 but that language and the stories that begin here this is just people with our contain was guilt work or suggesting that he was closely allied with violent forces a reporter go to Memphis and nail dr. King those are the words oh absolutely Hoover was your secret memos in the report you know what we don't know and haven't seen was sending people out everywhere to talk to all their friendly media context yet King and they usually do it for packets of information much the polls to be used as part of the of the campaign they also interesting tactics you see that these stories a lot of fussing having the story that's on the screen for example has a sensitive

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the screen for example has a sensitive near the end racism many blacks have mixed feelings about dr. King this is a it was week many planet many everybody have mixed feelings about anything if you mind do what you say who has what fields but the whole thing was to try to say he's he's violence he's hanging around the violent people and basically that the blacks in his not be should supportive lips this media disinformation campaign what was it like after dr. King was him well one thing the the attempts to discredit dr. King to the FBI attempts did not stop after his death they continued to send their dossiers of reports and pointing information to try and display his memory in the beginning one of course the assassin had not yet been go out rather no one had to get charged the assassination had to give the impression that the FBI was doing a great job I didn't want to be criticisms that was unavoidable this one who were it already publicly attacked dr. King in all these magazines and then it's a problem facing the United States who saw it became a problem for the FBI then to try and convince of America that they were doing everything in their power to apprehend

his killer and to do that they had to pull out all the stops and get all the pressure columnist writing story story that they're doing everything they could and also some time when they try and answer the stories that they were convinced that James Earl Ray was the bomb assess the start of plates do any

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bomb assess the start of plates do any other interest people read reveals later this was the story that came out in 1975 it's actually an interesting example earth yeah Anderson of criticizing a group of people of moving fails to mention he was one time something to happen instead of offering when columns decided here though near the slate but he was reporting at this time about how the FBI had waves we campaign against he how he knew about a time he knew about all these girls accusations that were being being handed out it's all I mean the stories let me interesting because why didn't he say it at the time as one person thought but at least at least he rest of something that he also was able to explain that a number of the rumors about the King had been proven to be not true what he didn't know at the time because the Congressional report came out over Lake that he didn't know is that even the FBI at the time they were spreading the scores without he was alive maybe with the story his name yes but really that was pretty bizarre because you can understand the pressures that were on that many thought the Drew Pearson is the very close friend of the poopers had a nationally syndicated column and wrote basically designed to

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column and wrote basically designed to try and kill the rezident that was a trying part because with my king and in it Pearson says he is convinced that the FBI is conducting perhaps the most painstaking exhausting manhunt ever before undertaken in the United States why how he would know is beyond us but that's clearly what Hoover told him to say they also I don't have to cook it here they also have another one they're very close operatives Jeremiah O'Leary who was then at the Washington star did an article Reader's Digest and he went he went one hand beyond Pearson instead of straight Shannon in what was missed in the world so he was now saying this was the only best race in of the purpose of this now ever anywhere a whole CNN of course when Brady was arrested then there was a spate of the so congratulatory palms done that same friendly media operation at this point once we get on the things that have been reports I'm drawing my based on modeling my own experience and expertise but it certainly seems clear that media operations around not only the job but also on the campaign to demonstrate not only that you see in stories again by friends of eight minutes like it most

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friends of eight minutes like it most like the theory that there was a conspiracy is not true the FBI has exploded the theory that there was a conspiracy the even people who had a risk today they got caught a little bit because they were planting stories that happens jersey I mean there was a story at the very beginning second that dr. King had been killed by the husband husband lover now later in time ten years later so this was affected they had made up the story you're saying that he was hired by something else to do that's a conspiracy so that they hadn't dropped that story because now mine was now they're saying they and the same people here some mentioned that story and that later on denounced the generally prevalent here at the murders he was out one half that he was one of the people even particularly actually actually there was no judicial proceeding stories they wanted to compulsion to periodically come off these stories well this is the continuation of the absolutely never because rating insisted virtually they

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because rating insisted virtually they felt help to to continue to plant these these stories they they went on for a number of years very intense level of men offense order to develop a in the first year after the plea of guilty Anderson College is supposed to ending his computer seized maxillary look Thomas a great was the killer there's nothing to the conspiracy theory and when another example of how they see it was even at the time where they said jury is told to read the story is that the prosecution I'm not presenting any evidence of reply

which is very different from say they didn't present any evidence that there wasn't a plug either and yet it looks like something has been said and done in court showing a jury feels no no that's not what happened it wasn't it wasn't discussed either way and they there was a store got the need next week in Washington Post where the title distorted was reading along still talks of applause Richie Kennedy journalistically was ridiculous because there were millions upon millions of Americans talking about there's a plot and it was you know tries to create the impression that that Jane James obey was starvation and was the only person in America but they're gonna plot that campaign and in fact they then

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plot that campaign and in fact they then said well though we really meant was that he's the only person who's auditioning positioning such a pot out of their mouth doesn't and even that wasn't true because the next day there was a story at the selected into an Alton Illinois bank robbery an investigation which never took training absolutely the fact that subsequently it was shown that they would not suspects in that robbery it the first thing it means is that the the reporter is named some things which had

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reporter is named some things which had to have been simply fit to him and not check if you're saying something happened which in fact very very taste of journalism proven did happen you are either doing it on home stretch of this information which is extremely unlikely or mere being asked to put a spin on something that you know is going to keep nothing out the again I mean I don't know what happened at Alabama Illinois but if as I understand this from testimony it is clear that the railroad was when I suspect in that case this story is clearly this information because it designed to make the Peter not only that they were suspects in that case but that they did and to make it appear that two investigations confirmed that whereas since we know mostly true is it possible in your application how you respond and what is your explanation for the fact that there has been such little national media coverage of these mr. OTT and his evidence in this event here in this event that program which is the first problem ever being to produce evidence on this assassination what this happened here that money would sir is not sounding but is in fact totally silent almost Oh as we know silence can be deafening this information is not only getting sort of things to repeat or print is also getting certain things not to appear I mean that person the first thing I would see as a little

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thing I would see as a little explanation is the that incredibly powerful effectiveness information over over a long period of time that I mentioned before for thirty years the official line has been the changed over eight killed Martin Luther King and he did all by himself that's 30 years not not nothing like the short period when the line was that the Huber's rate the over limit but for 30 years James oh they kill dr. King did it all by himself and when that is imprinted in the minds of the general public for 30 years if somebody stood up and confessed he said I did it right it's what I did here's a movie is 99% of people will believe them because it just in general in the mind you just go right to the movie years of disinformation it's been impacted on the brains of the public something to the country yes that's why I got these brains patterns of thinking or a physical aspect of the human brain that's how we develop patterns of thought how we develop associations in the venomous still playing is tuned and even though you might think 30 years is a long time that almost everybody might get in trouble it was probably dead right now that's that's not worse the people obtain influence people make vast sums of money through this rock and those people pass that influence on to others they pass the money down the

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to others they pass the money down the line all that can be at risk for a very very long time there are there are documents from the investigation of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln there's still classified don't ask me why but they were originally sealed for a hundred years and then in 1965 President Lyndon Johnson said well it's so close to the Kennedy assassination if people read the Lincoln documents that might make them

think funny things about Kennedy so he classified for another 50 years so now that the green children of anybody around the Lincoln see it was around that are long dead and these documents are still so classified and we're talking today about a case that's a hundred years more immediate than Lincoln and the establishment is still be step thank you very much for joining us thank you

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